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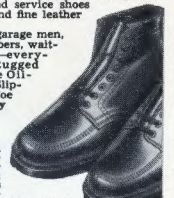

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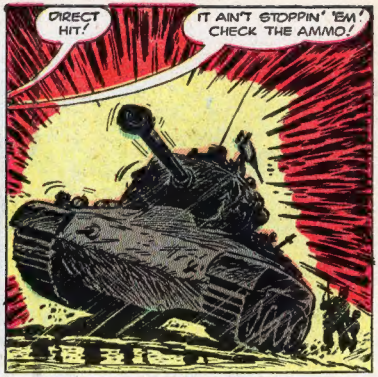
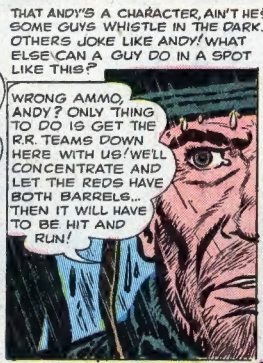
ALL RIGHT, HERE IT IS! WE'VE LET THE COMMIES KNOW WE'RE HERE SO THEY'LL STRIKE AT US, LEAVING THE OTHER TROOPS FREE TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES! THERE'S 406 OF US AND ABOUT 20,000 REDS!
A NICE, ROUND FIGURE!
WE CAN'T CALL ON THE OTHER UNITS TO HELP! WE DON'T WANT TO GIVE THEIR POSITIONS AWAY! COMMUNICATIONS HAVEN'T YET BEEN ESTABLISHED! ARTILLERY IS NOT YET SET UP, AND THIS RAIN MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO GET AIR SUPPORT!
IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE ON OUR OWN... 406 OF US AGAINST THE WHOLE DARN RED ARMY!
THAT'S ABOUT IT! WE'LL MOVE FORWARD, SPREAD OUT... RECOILLESS RIFLE TEAMS ON THE ENDS UNTIL WE CONTACT THE ENEMY! GET BACK TO YOUR MEN NOW AND GET READY!
THEY MOVE FORWARD THRU THE RAIN... A PITIFULLY THIN LINE... CLIMBING UPWARD...
KEEP SPREADING OUT!
LET'S JOIN A RECOILLESS RIFLE TEAM AS IT TOPS THE CREST OF THE HILL...
CRIPES! THEY'RE THROWIN' ENOUGH JUNK AT US!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, HADDON... YOU WANT TO LIVE FOREVER?
CRIPES! LOOK DOWN THERE!
VISITORS! TELL THE COOK TO SET ANOTHER PLATE!

THE CONVOY COMES TO A HALT! REDS POUR OUT IN A STEADY STREAM...
THOUSANDS MORE MOVE UP ON FOOT FROM BEHIND THE CONVOY..
THEY MOVE FORWARD DISDAINING COVER... ARROGANT IN THEIR TREMENDOUSLY SUPERIOR NUMBERS...
AND WITH THEM COME TANKS... 33 ARMORED GIANTS... T-34'S, GRINDING FORWARD TO CRUSH THIS PUNY FORCE BEFORE THEM ...
CRIPES! THERE'S A MILLION OF 'EM... LIKE FLIES ON A DEAD HORSE... AND THOSE TANKS, MAN! LET'S SEE YOU MAKE A JOKE OUT OF THIS, ANDY!
I'M BEGINNING TO SUSPECT THAT THIS IS NO JOKE, SON!
GET THE TREADS! FIRE!

DIRECT HIT, AND IT DIDN'T DO NOTHIN'! MUST'VE BEEN A DEFECTIVE SHELL!
LOAD AND FIRE! GET THE LEAD OUT!

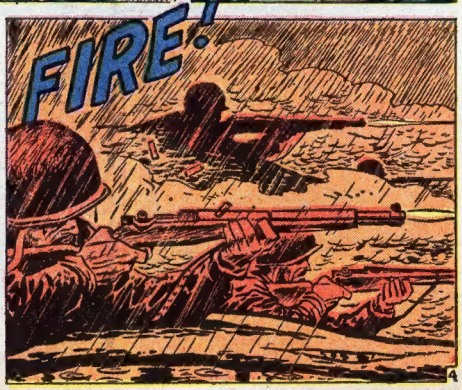

DIRECT HIT!
IT AIN'T STOPPIN' 'EM! CHECK THE AMMO!

SOME HALF-WITTED SON GAVE US THE WRONG AMMO! THESE AREN'T ARMOR-PIERCING!
THAT'S GREAT! THINGS AIN'T BAD ENOUGH! ANDY, GET DOWN THERE AN' TELL THE CO! AN' DON'T GET HIT ON THE WAY!
WHY, SARGE, I NEVER THOUGHT YOU CARED!


THAT ANDY'S A CHARACTER, AIN'T HE? SOME GUYS WHISTLE IN THE DARK. OTHERS JOKE LIKE ANDY! WHAT ELSE CAN A GUY DO IN A SPOT LIKE THIS?
WRONG AMMO, ANDY? ONLY THING TO DO IS GET THE R.R. TEAMS DOWN HERE WITH US! WE'LL CONCENTRATE AND LET THE REDS HAVE BOTH BARRELS... THEN IT WILL HAVE TO BE HIT AND RUN!

THE TANKS DEPLOY TO THE SIDES TO TRAP THE G.I.'S BETWEEN THEM...
LET THE TANKS GO! WE CAN'T STOP THEM! ALL WE CAN DO IS WATCH THEM AND SEE THAT THEY DON'T GET IN POSITION TO DO US TOO MUCH DAMAGE!
HERE COME THE REDS!

REDS MOVE LIKE GHOSTS IN THE RAIN, LOOMING BIGGER AT EVERY STEP! THEY MARCH IN ARROGANT CONFIDENCE, EXPECTING THE TINY FORCE OF G.I.'S TO RUN BEFORE THEIR SUPERIOR FORCE...
GET READY, MEN!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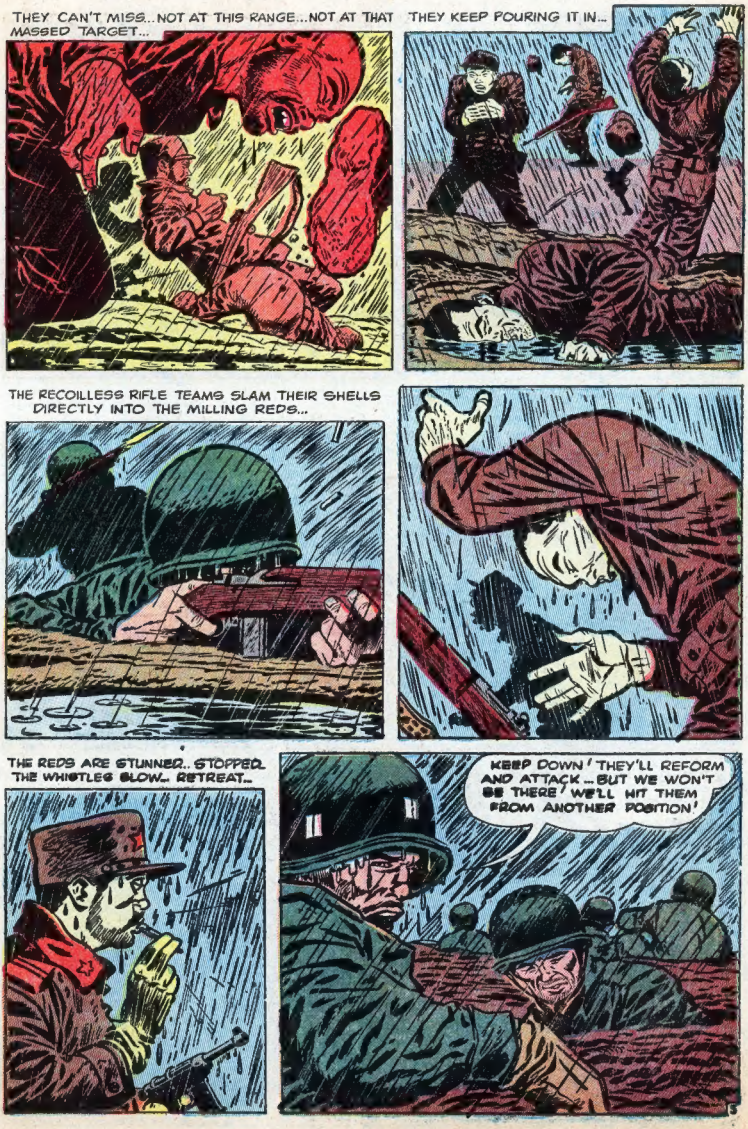
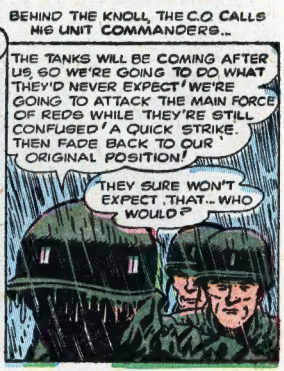

THEY CAN'T MISS... NOT AT THIS RANGE... NOT AT THAT MASSED TARGET...
THEY KEEP POURING IT IN...
THE RECOILLESS RIFLE TEAMS SLAM THEIR SHELLS DIRECTLY INTO THE MILLING REDS...
THE REDS ARE STUNNED.. STOPPED. THE WHISTLES BLOW.. RETREAT...
KEEP DOWN! THEY'LL REFORM AND ATTACK... BUT WE WON'T BE THERE! WE'LL HIT THEM FROM ANOTHER POSITION!

HOLD YOUR FIRE! WHEN I GIVE THE WORD LET 'EM HAVE IT! THEN RUN TO THAT KNOLL BEHIND US AND DIG IN THERE! WATCH OUT FOR THE TANKS!

FIRE!

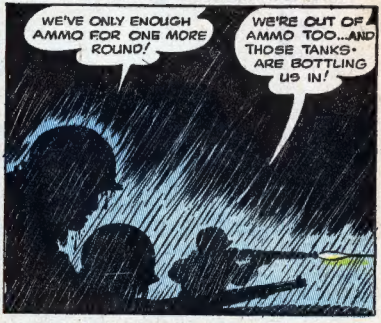
THE TANK'S SPOTTED US!
GET TO THE KNOLL! WE CAN KEEP IT BETWEEN US AN' THE TANKS!


BEHIND THE KNOLL, THE C.O CALLS HIS UNIT COMMANDERS..
THE TANKS WILL BE COMING AFTER US, SO WE'RE GOING TO DO WHAT THEY'D NEVER EXPECT! WE'RE GOING TO ATTACK THE MAIN FORCE OF REDS WHILE THEY'RE STILL CONFUSED! A QUICK STRIKE. THEN FADE BACK TO OUR ORIGINAL POSITION!
THEY SURE WON'T EXPECT THAT... WHO WOULD?

THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE! LOOK AT 'EM!

THEY STRIKE! THE REDS CURL BACK, SURPRISED AND PANICKED BY THE PHANTOM ARMY THAT SHOWS NO FEAR..

FOR SEVEN LONG HOURS, THIS HANDFUL OF MEN STRIKE, SHIFT POSITIONS AND STRIKE AGAIN BEFORE THE RED HORDE CAN RECOVER...



OKAY, WE'VE DONE ALL WE CAN! THE OTHER TROOPS MUST BE ESTABLISHED BY NOW! YOU FELLOWS WERE BRIEFED ON TROOP LOCATIONS! WE'LL BREAK UP IN SMALL SQUADS AND TRY TO FILTER THRU THE REDS! MAKE FOR THE H.Q. THAT WAS TO BE ESTABLISHED WEST OF HERE! GOOD LUCK!

THE GALLANT COMPANY BREAKS UP INTO SMALL GROUPS AND STEALS THRU THE RAIN AND DARKNESS...

AND HOURS LATER, THEY GET THRU! THE FIRST ONES, WAIT... WATCHING EACH WEARY MUD-CRUSTED FIGURE THAT STAGGERS IN... WATCHING FOR THEIR BUDDIES...

THEY LOOK AT EACH OTHER, SILENTLY, THINKING OF WHAT THEY'VE BEEN THRU, AND IT'S PLAIN THAT THEY ARE THINKING...

WE KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT... AND THEY KNOW IT NOW, TOO! THE ANSWER THAT WE'VE SEEN, AND KEEP SEEING IN THE HEADLINES OF OUR NEWSPAPERS...

FOR THE BEST IN WAR TALES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER!

"SURFACE!"

Commander Wellton of the U.N. submarine barked the order.

Then the buoyancy tanks began blowing. Inside the sub their faint hiss came clearly.

"Battle stations!"

A stream of seamen poured past Wellton as the undersea-boat began slanting upward.

The snicking sound of torpedoes locking into place came from the forward torpedo room.

The three seamen standing at attention before the commander saluted smartly.

"I don't want any mistakes," Wellton said. "We're within deck-rifle shot of the enemy sub that's been harrying our oil shipments. We'll try a torpedo as a last resort, but we can't do that until we're surfaced—not in this darkness."

"Aye aye, sir!"

Seaman Carroll, Bazer and Hyatt spoke simultaneously, saluting.

Then they dashed for the conning tower, Bazer in the lead. As he waited for the faint signal to buzz, showing that they'd surfaced, he glanced down the ladder at Hyatt.

"Feelin' alright?" he asked, grinning faintly. "I'll try not to get any water on you!"

Hyatt flushed.

"I'm feelin' okay," he said glumly. "And for gosh sakes, lay off!"

"Thing I can't figure, Hyatt," Carroll's voice came from further down the ladder, "is why you joined the sub service to begin with. For a guy who's afraid of water...."

"Lay off!" Hyatt grunted.

"I still can't figure...."

A low buzz ran through the rising sub.

Instantly Bazer spun the pressure wheel. It whirled round, clicking. Then he gave a heave. The conning tower top went back on oiled gymbals.

Bazer leaped out, followed by Hyatt and Carroll.

A light mist covered the waters, but the distant shore and its faint lights were visible.

Straining their eyes as they ran toward the deck gun, they could see the low, dim bulk of the enemy sub, its snorkel pushing up like a tall, thin needle. The sub was moving, patrolling in a wide circle, the entrance to the enemy harbor on the North Korean coast.

While Bazer and Hyatt slewed round the deck gun, Carroll broke open the ammunition. The three bodies bent and moved like clockwork, as, behind them, the commander came out on the command bridge, followed by two lieutenants.

"Ready sir!" Bazer snapped.

"Aim and fire!" Wellton ordered sharply.

Hyatt spun the gun's wheels. Carroll snapped shut the breech lock. There was an instant of silence as the sub bucked in the heavy sea and Hyatt took further bearings. Then:

Boom!

The first shot fell short. Instantly the deck gun was reloaded.

A low rumble came from the harbor.

"Shore batteries!" Wellton growled. "We won't have time. Okay, we're out in the open, now — *torpedoes!*" He watched the lieutenant swing open the command bridge control panel, press buttons.

Ahead, the deck gun was firing.

Suddenly a gout of flame shot skyward from the enemy sub's deck. Hyatt's gunnery was reaching the mark.

"Crippled!" Wellton said.

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NAPOLEON'S WATERLOO!

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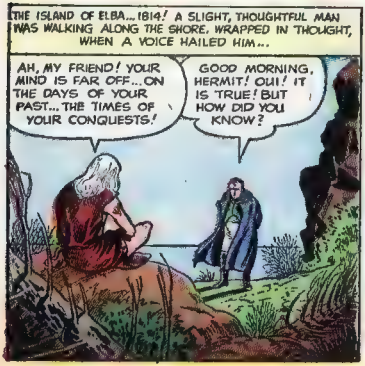
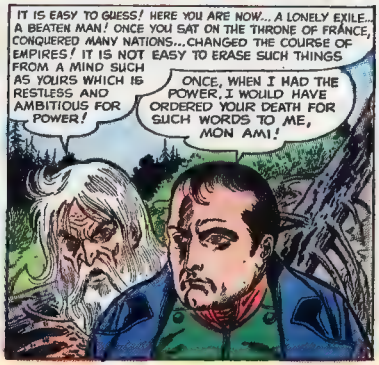
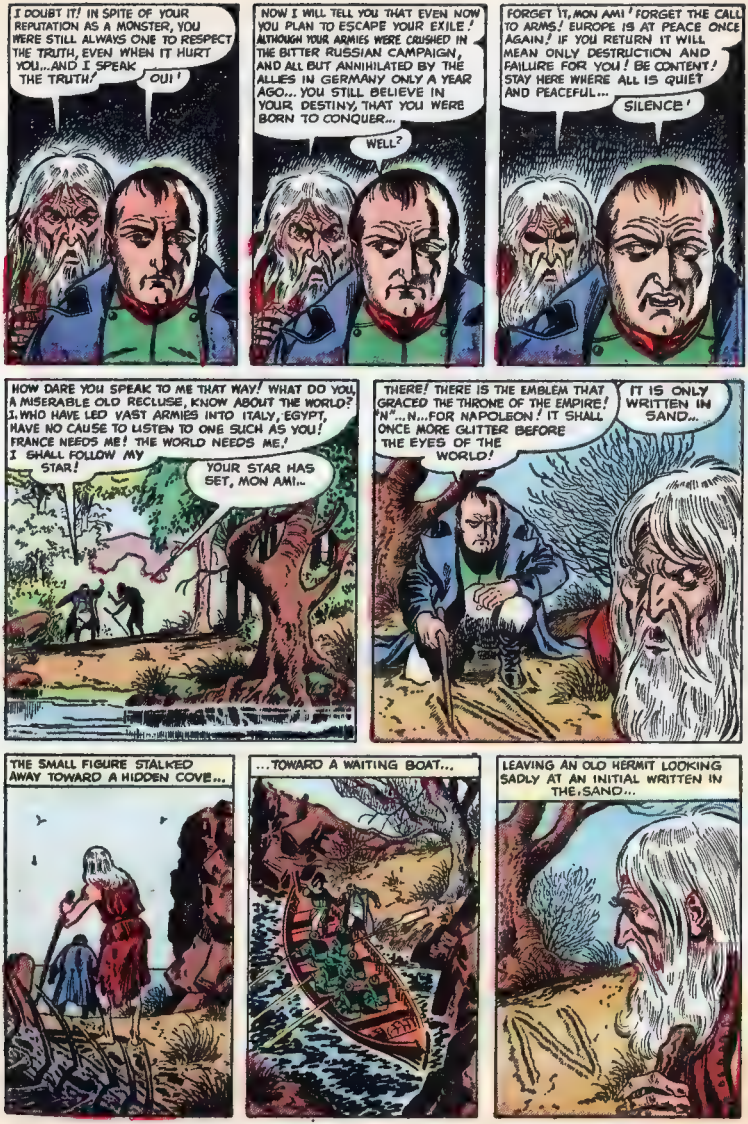
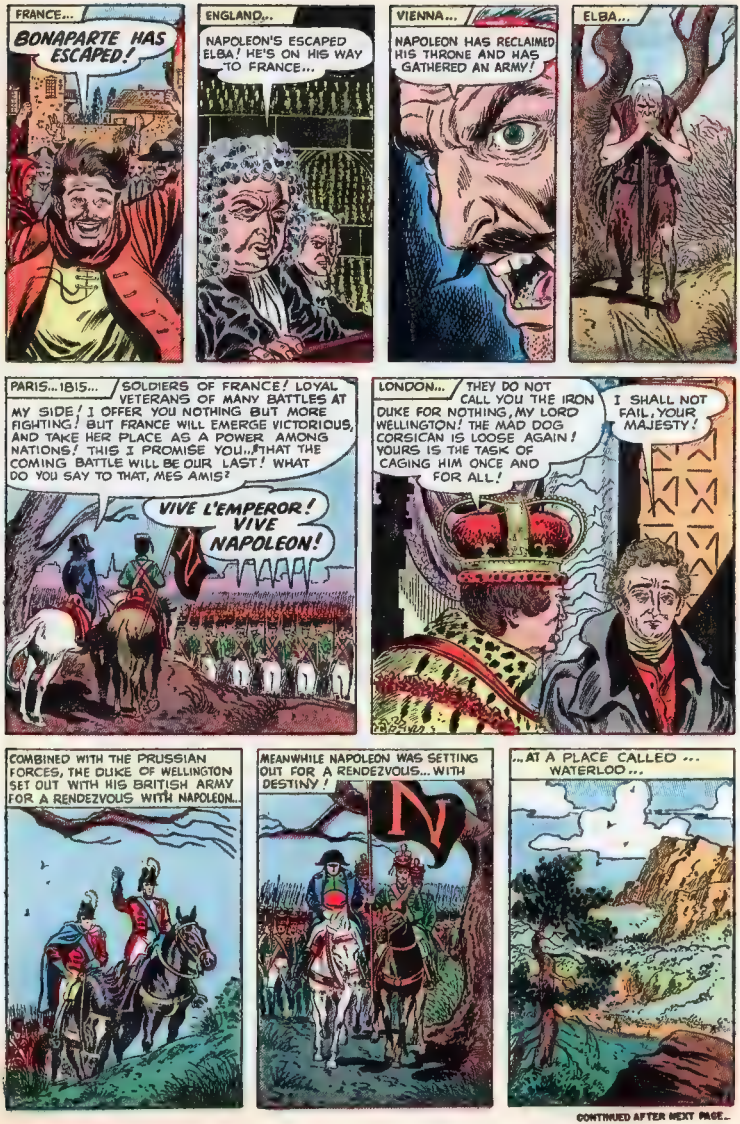

THE ISLAND OF ELBA... 1814! A SLIGHT, THOUGHTFUL MAN WAS WALKING ALONG THE SHORE, WRAPPED IN THOUGHT, WHEN A VOICE HAILED HIM...
AH, MY FRIEND! YOUR MIND IS FAR OFF... ON THE DAYS OF YOUR PAST... THE TIMES OF YOUR CONQUESTS!
GOOD MORNING, HERMIT! OUI! IT IS TRUE! BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW?


IT IS EASY TO GUESS! HERE YOU ARE NOW... A LONELY EXILE... A BEATEN MAN! ONCE YOU SAT ON THE THRONE OF FRANCE, CONQUERED MANY NATIONS... CHANGED THE COURSE OF EMPIRES! IT IS NOT EASY TO ERASE SUCH THINGS FROM A MIND SUCH AS YOURS WHICH IS RESTLESS AND AMBITIOUS FOR POWER!
ONCE, WHEN I HAD THE POWER, I WOULD HAVE ORDERED YOUR DEATH FOR SUCH WORDS TO ME, MON AMI!


I DOUBT IT! IN SPITE OF YOUR REPUTATION AS A MONSTER, YOU WERE STILL ALWAYS ONE TO RESPECT THE TRUTH, EVEN WHEN IT HURT YOU...AND I SPEAK THE TRUTH!
OUI!
NOW I WILL TELL YOU THAT EVEN NOW YOU PLAN TO ESCAPE YOUR EXILE! ALTHOUGH YOUR ARMIES WERE CRUSHED IN THE BITTER RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN, AND ALL BUT ANNIHILATED BY THE ALLIES IN GERMANY ONLY A YEAR AGO... YOU STILL BELIEVE IN YOUR DESTINY, THAT YOU WERE BORN TO CONQUER...
WELL?
FORGET IT, MON AMI! FORGET THE CALL TO ARMS! EUROPE IS AT PEACE ONCE AGAIN! IF YOU RETURN IT WILL MEAN ONLY DESTRUCTION AND FAILURE FOR YOU! BE CONTENT! STAY HERE WHERE ALL IS QUIET AND PEACEFUL...
SILENCE!
HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO ME THAT WAY! WHAT DO YOU, A MISERABLE OLD RECLUSE, KNOW ABOUT THE WORLD? I, WHO HAVE LED VAST ARMIES INTO ITALY, EGYPT, HAVE NO CAUSE TO LISTEN TO ONE SUCH AS YOU! FRANCE NEEDS ME! THE WORLD NEEDS ME! I SHALL FOLLOW MY STAR!
YOUR STAR HAS SET, MON AMI...
THERE! THERE IS THE EMBLEM THAT GRACED THE THRONE OF THE EMPIRE! "N"...N...FOR NAPOLEON! IT SHALL ONCE MORE GLITTER BEFORE THE EYES OF THE WORLD!
IT IS ONLY WRITTEN IN SAND...
THE SMALL FIGURE STALKED AWAY TOWARD A HIDDEN COVE...
...TOWARD A WAITING BOAT...
LEAVING AN OLD HERMIT LOOKING SADLY AT AN INITIAL WRITTEN IN THE SAND...


FRANCE...
BONAPARTE HAS ESCAPED!
ENGLAND...
NAPOLEON'S ESCAPED ELBA! HE'S ON HIS WAY TO FRANCE...
VIENNA...
NAPOLEON HAS RECLAIMED HIS THRONE AND HAS GATHERED AN ARMY!
ELBA...
PARIS...1815...
SOLDIERS OF FRANCE! LOYAL VETERANS OF MANY BATTLES AT MY SIDE! I OFFER YOU NOTHING BUT MORE FIGHTING! BUT FRANCE WILL EMERGE VICTORIOUS, AND TAKE HER PLACE AS A POWER AMONG NATIONS! THIS I PROMISE YOU...THAT THE COMING BATTLE WILL BE OUR LAST! WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT, MES AMIS?
VIVE L'EMPEROR! VIVE NAPOLEON!
LONDON...
THEY DO NOT CALL YOU THE IRON DUKE FOR NOTHING, MY LORD WELLINGTON! THE MAD DOG CORSICAN IS LOOSE AGAIN! YOURS IS THE TASK OF CAGING HIM ONCE AND FOR ALL!
I SHALL NOT FAIL, YOUR MAJESTY!
COMBINED WITH THE PRUSSIAN FORCES, THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON SET OUT WITH HIS BRITISH ARMY FOR A RENDEZVOUS WITH NAPOLEON...
MEANWHILE NAPOLEON WAS SETTING OUT FOR A RENDEZVOUS... WITH DESTINY!
...AT A PLACE CALLED ... WATERLOO...

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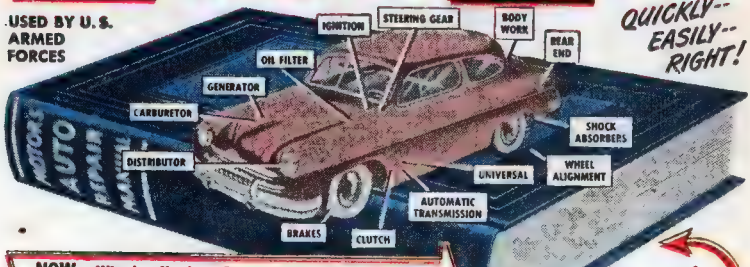

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IT IS WELLINGTON, SIRE!
SO THE ENGLISH SET THEIR BEST AGAINST ME, EH? I SHALL TRY TO BE WORTHY OF MY ENEMY!... LEBLANC!
YES, SIRE!

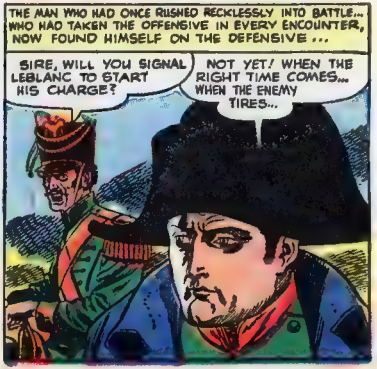
DEPLOY YOUR TROOPS TO THE LEFT... AND AWAIT MY SIGNAL! MOSERCAT, LEAD YOUR MEN TO THE RAVINE AND ENGAGE THE PRUSSIANS! I SHALL SHOW THEM THAT NAPOLEON IS STILL THE LEADER ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE! PIERRE, KEEP MY STANDARD AT MY SIDE ALWAYS!
OUI, MON GENERAL!

WHAT DOES HE DO, MY LORD?
HE PLAYS CAT-AND-MOUSE WITH ME... BUT I SHALL SHOW HIM I AM NOT A MOUSE, BUT A TIGER!

CHARGE!

DO WE MEET THEM AS USUAL, MAJESTY?
NON! WAIT! LET THEM COME!

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS HISTORY, NAPOLEON CHANGED HIS TACTICS! HE HESITATED! HE WAITED! AND WHILE HE WAITED, THE MEN OF WELLINGTON ACTED...


THE MAN WHO HAD ONCE RUSHED RECKLESSLY INTO BATTLE... WHO HAD TAKEN THE OFFENSIVE IN EVERY ENCOUNTER, NOW FOUND HIMSELF ON THE DEFENSIVE ...
SIRE, WILL YOU SIGNAL LEBLANC TO START HIS CHARGE?
NOT YET! WHEN THE RIGHT TIME COMES... WHEN THE ENEMY TIRES...

BUT THE ENGLISH DID NOT TIRE! FRESH TROOPS RUSHED IN TO REPLACE THE FALLEN!
BAROOM!
K-VOOM
AND LEBLANC, WAITING IN VAIN FOR THE ORDER TO ATTACK, WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE PRUSSIANS!
BLAM!
BAROOM
SURROUNDED ON ONE SIDE BY THE ENGLISH, ON THE OTHER BY THE PRUSSIANS, THE FRENCH FOUGHT GALLANTLY WAITING FOR THEIR LEADER TO WORK ONE OF HIS MIRACLES THAT WOULD ONCE AGAIN BRING VICTORY TO HIS FORCES!
BLAM!
EMPEROR! WHAT DO WE DO? WE ARE BEING BEATEN! WE ARE ROUTED AND SURROUNDED! WHAT DO WE DO? TELL US!
I...DO NOT KNOW! JUST FIGHT ON! MY STANDARD! WHERE IS MY STANDARD?
HERE, SIRE...

WAIT! I... HAVE A PLAN.. IT JUST CAME TO ME...
TOO LATE, SIRE! ALL IS LOST! OUR TROOPS ARE BEATEN!
NON! NON! IT IS IMPOSSIBLE! NAPOLEON'S STAR STILL SHINES BRIGHTLY! THE HERMIT WAS WRONG! WELLINGTON IS WRONG! ONLY I AM RIGHT!
SIRE!
I'LL SHOW YOU! FRENCHMEN! FIGHT ON! I, YOUR EMPEROR, COMMAND YOU! FIGHT ON! FIGHT...
AND BACK AT ELBA...
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"Keep firing. We'll still need torpedoes. That sea-scorpion can sting, even yet!"

As if to punctuate his words, the enemy sub's deck gun ripped out in angry reply. The shot fell wide, but the next one was closer.

Wellton bent over his control panel, pressed a button.

A dark, lean shape hissed away from the U.N. sub's nose, make a faintly luminescent track through the water. Aboard, on deck and below, everyone held their breath.

Then, like a screaming, wounded thing, the enemy sub exploded into gushes of light and sound. Simultaneously a dark mass struck the water near the U.N. sub's bow. The sub staggered, with the enemy shell wedged in her bow, a dozen feet down.

"It's a delayed-action shell," Wellton shouted. "Abandon ship!"

"Keep the engines going, sir!" Hyatt yelled. He snatched up a spanner from the waterproof ammo box, leaped past Bazer and Carroll and dived into the water.

"It's probably a five minute fuse," Wellton muttered. "And how the devil Hyatt's going to stay under water long enough to . . ."

One of the lieutenants looked at his watch.

"Two minutes already, sir." He paused, waited. "Three . . ."

Hyatt's head broke the surface, near the bow. Bazer jumped forward, pulled him aboard.

"The shell's gone sir!" Hyatt called. "Fell into the sea. I pried it loose with this spanner!"

Behind the sub as it sped seaward a great gout of water leaped into the night sky. The sub trembled with the underwater explosion but swam on unharmed.

"Good work, son!" Wellton called. "Okay, mission finished. Everyone below!"

As the deck crew locked the gun into position, closed the ammo box, Bazer and Carroll looked at Hyatt in astonishment.

"How'd you manage to stay under water that long?" Bazer asked.

"I was high-diving champ at high school," Hyatt said, grinning.

"But you're scared of water. You said so yourself!" Carroll said.

"Sure I was scared," Hyatt said. "But I made myself swim anyway. I had all the talent necessary — and the lung development, too. Being afraid of something doesn't mean you can't do it."

"What do you mean?" Bazer asked, puzzled.

Hyatt grinned.

"In war you face death every minute. And there probably isn't a man aboard who isn't afraid of death. But, like I said, being afraid of a thing doesn't mean you can't face it." Hyatt started up the deck toward the conning tower. "And facing death's our business."

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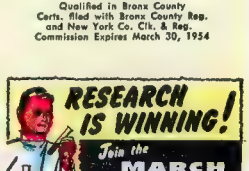

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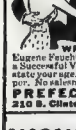

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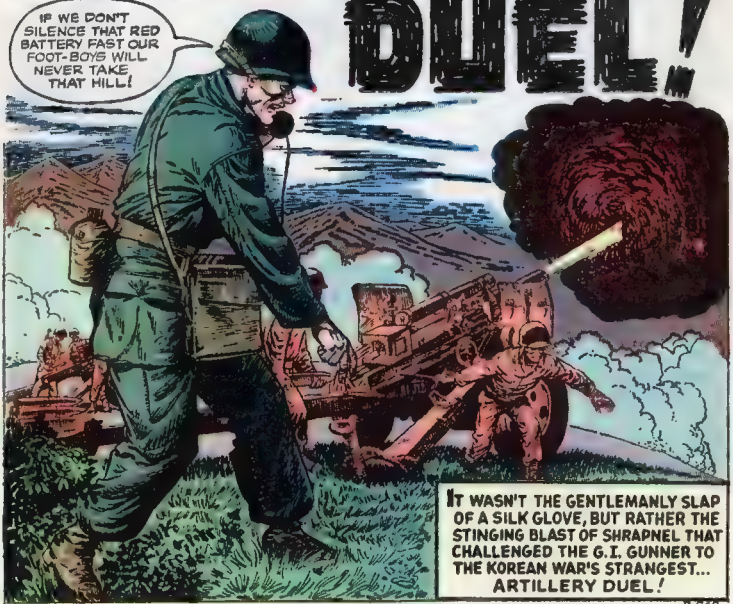

IT WASN'T THE GENTLEMANLY SLAP OF A SILK GLOVE, BUT RATHER THE STINGING BLAST OF SHRAPNEL THAT CHALLENGED THE G.I. GUNNER TO THE KOREAN WAR'S STRANGEST... ARTILLERY DUEL!

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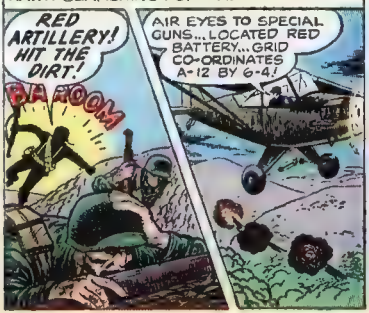
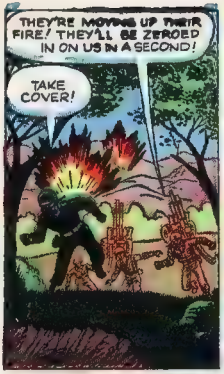


AND BEHIND THE AMERICAN LINES, LT. PAT JOYCE'S SPECIAL ARTILLERY UNIT SWINGS INTO ACTION...

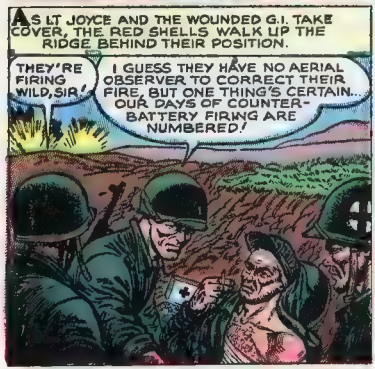
THE TARGET IS THE RED ARTILLERY BATTERY THAT'S BEEN HALTING OUR ADVANCE. AFTER WE'VE FINISHED WITH 'EM, THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING BUT A SCRAP HEAP THERE.. COMMENCE FIRING!!

DOWN THE LINE OF 105'S, MUZZLES BLAST MISSILES OF DOOM...
BROOOM
AND TWO MILES AWAY, THE DEADLY PACKAGES OF EXPLOSIVE POWER RAIN DOWN ON THE TARGET...
WHAM
AIR EYES TO SPECIAL GUNS... RED ARTILLERY KAYOED OKAY!
YOU KNOW, LT. JOYCE.. OUR GUNS NEVER FIRE IN SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS / WE JUST STAY SILENT TILL THE RED ARTILLERY OPENS UP AND, THEN WE LACE THEM WITH COUNTER-BATTERY FIRE, BUT GOOD!
AND AS LT. JOYCE'S SPECIAL UNIT BLASTS ITS FINAL VOLLEY, DOUGHS RISE FROM COVER AND CHARGE FORWARD...
THERE'S NO RED ARTILLERY NOW. COME ON, YOU GUYS!
THE NEXT DAY, JOYCE'S UNIT WAITS FOR THE RED ARTILLERY TO OPEN UP AND THEN, PINPOINTING THEIR POSITION, THE LIEUTENANT ROARS.
FIRE!
SHELLS HURTLE THROUGH THE AIR WITH A DEAFENING ROAR AND THE GROUND BY THE COMMIE BATTERY ERUPTS WITH EXPLOSIVE FURY
BUT A MINUTE LATER, THE REDS BLAST BACK...
ARTILLERY FIRE, SIR!
WHAT THE DEUCE! THE REDS ARE FIRING AT US.. THEY'RE ON TO OUR GAME AND THEY'VE TURNED TABLES ON US!


THEY'RE MOVING UP THEIR FIRE! THEY'LL BE ZEROED IN ON US IN A SECOND!
TAKE COVER!

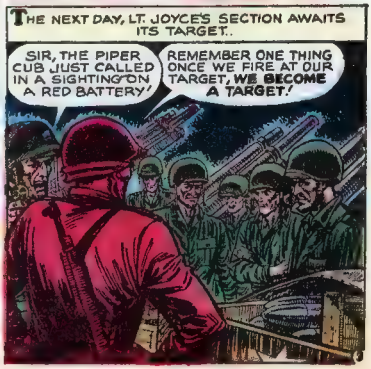
AND AS THE BRACKETING FIRE OF THE COMMIE GUNS SEARCHES OUT THE G.I. POSITIONS, THE MEN RACE FOR THEIR FOXHOLES...
YEOW!
JENKINS IS HIT!
BA-ROOOM

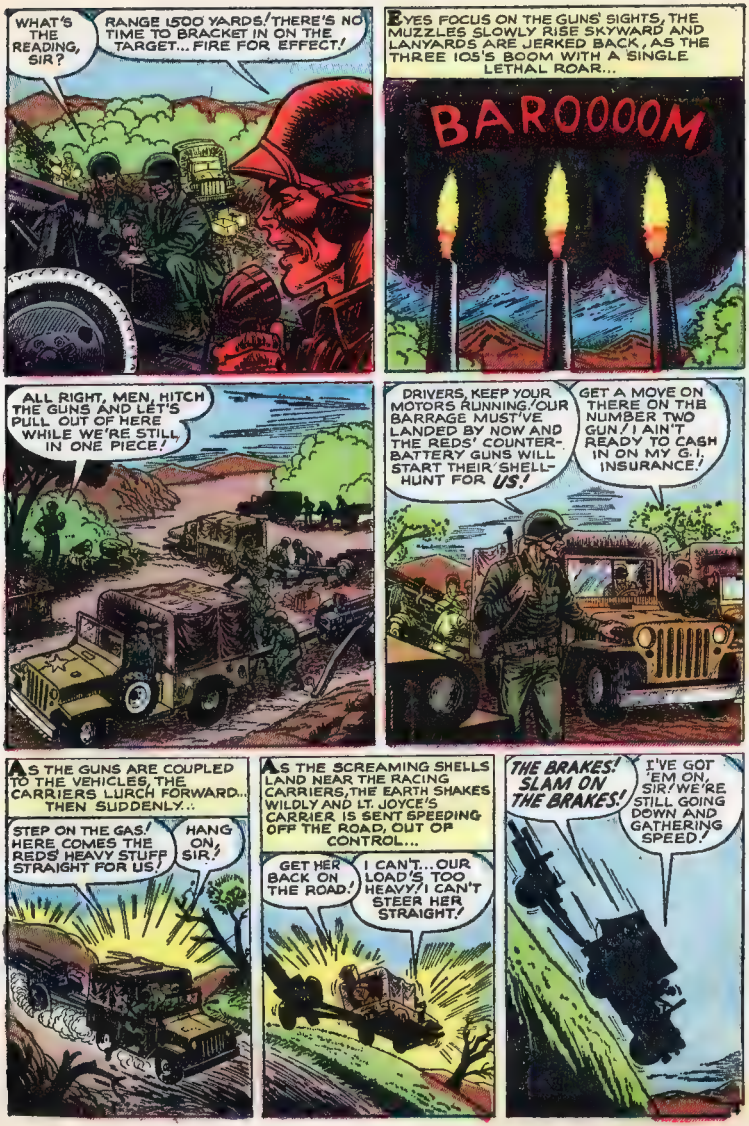
HANG ON, JENKINS! WE'LL HAVE YOU FIXED UP IN A JIFFY!


AS LT JOYCE AND THE WOUNDED G.I. TAKE COVER, THE RED SHELLS WALK UP THE RIDGE BEHIND THEIR POSITION.
THEY'RE FIRING WILD, SIR!
I GUESS THEY HAVE NO AERIAL OBSERVER TO CORRECT THEIR FIRE, BUT ONE THING'S CERTAIN... OUR DAYS OF COUNTER-BATTERY FIRING ARE NUMBERED!

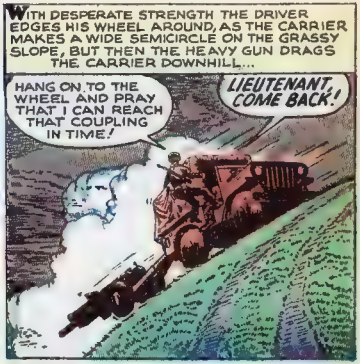
BUT, LIEUTENANT, THAT'S OUR ONLY MISSION! WE NEVER GIVE SUPPORTING FIRE TO OUR TROOPS... WE JUST STAY HID, WAIT TILL THE RED GUNS START TALKING, AND THEN PLASTER 'EM!
AND NOW THE REDS HAVE A BATTERY THAT STAYS OUT OF THE FIGHT UNTIL WE BEGIN FIRING AND THEN COUNTERS US!

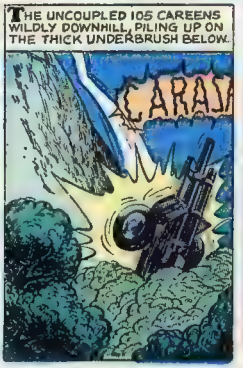
AS THE COMMIE ARTILLERY STOPS, THE WORRIED LIEUTENANT READIES HIS GUNS FOR MOVEMENT.
WELL, NOW WE KNOW HOW THE REDS FELT WHEN WE BLASTED 'EM!
WAIT A MINUTE! I'VE GOT A WAY TO FIX 'EM! WE'LL DIVIDE OUR UNIT INTO TWO SECTIONS AND KEEP A MILE BETWEEN US! MY SECTION WILL FIRE ITS REGULAR COUNTER-BATTERY MISSION AND HIGH-TAIL IT! WHEN THE RED COUNTER-BATTERY UNIT OPENS UP ON US, OUR AERIAL SPOTTER WILL CUE YOU, AND YOUR SECTION'LL BLOW 'EM TO BITS!


THE NEXT DAY, LT. JOYCE'S SECTION AWAITS ITS TARGET..
SIR, THE PIPER CUB JUST CALLED IN A SIGHTING ON A RED BATTERY!
REMEMBER ONE THING ONCE WE FIRE AT OUR TARGET, WE BECOME A TARGET!

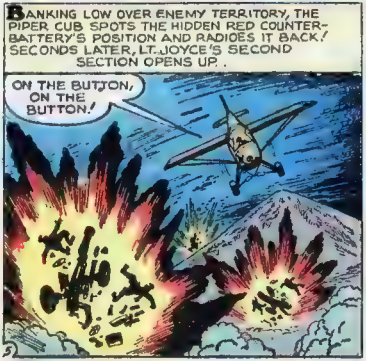

WHAT'S THE READING, SIR?
RANGE 1500 YARDS! THERE'S NO TIME TO BRACKET IN ON THE TARGET... FIRE FOR EFFECT!
EYES FOCUS ON THE GUNS' SIGHTS, THE MUZZLES SLOWLY RISE SKYWARD AND LANYARDS ARE JERKED BACK, AS THE THREE 105'S BOOM WITH A SINGLE LETHAL ROAR...
BAROOOOM
ALL RIGHT, MEN, HITCH THE GUNS AND LET'S PULL OUT OF HERE WHILE WE'RE STILL IN ONE PIECE!
DRIVERS, KEEP YOUR MOTORS RUNNING! OUR BARRAGE MUST'VE LANDED BY NOW AND THE REDS' COUNTER-BATTERY GUNS WILL START THEIR SHELL-HUNT FOR US!
GET A MOVE ON THERE ON THE NUMBER TWO GUN! I AIN'T READY TO CASH IN ON MY G.I. INSURANCE!
AS THE GUNS ARE COUPLED TO THE VEHICLES, THE CARRIERS LURCH FORWARD... THEN SUDDENLY...
STEP ON THE GAS! HERE COMES THE REDS' HEAVY STUFF STRAIGHT FOR US!
HANG ON, SIR!
AS THE SCREAMING SHELLS LAND NEAR THE RACING CARRIERS, THE EARTH SHAKES WILDLY AND LT. JOYCE'S CARRIER IS SENT SPEEDING OFF THE ROAD, OUT OF CONTROL...
GET HER BACK ON THE ROAD!
I CAN'T... OUR LOAD'S TOO HEAVY! I CAN'T STEER HER STRAIGHT!
THE BRAKES! SLAM ON THE BRAKES!
I'VE GOT 'EM ON, SIR! WE'RE STILL GOING DOWN AND GATHERING SPEED!

SWING HER AROUND! MAKE A U-TURN!
CAN DO...BUT IT WON'T HELP, SIR. THE GUN'LL BE FACING DOWNHILL AND ITS MOMENTUM WILL PULL US DOWN WITH IT!


WITH DESPERATE STRENGTH THE DRIVER EDGES HIS WHEEL AROUND, AS THE CARRIER MAKES A WIDE SEMICIRCLE ON THE GRASSY SLOPE, BUT THEN THE HEAVY GUN DRAGS THE CARRIER DOWNHILL...
HANG ON TO THE WHEEL AND PRAY THAT I CAN REACH THAT COUPLING IN TIME!
LIEUTENANT, COME BACK!



WHILE ON THE HILLSIDE ABOVE, THE JEEP GRINDS TO A HALT...
S-SAFE!
NOW TO CONTACT OUR AERIAL SPOTTER AND GET THE SECOND SECTION'S GUNS ON THAT RED COUNTER-BATTERY!


BANKING LOW OVER ENEMY TERRITORY, THE PIPER CUB SPOTS THE HIDDEN RED COUNTER-BATTERY'S POSITION AND RADIOES IT BACK! SECONDS LATER, LT. JOYCE'S SECOND SECTION OPENS UP.
ON THE BUTJON, ON THE BUTTON!

WE DID IT, SIR! YOUR PLAN KNOCKED OUT THAT RED COUNTER-BATTERY!
CUT THE CHEERING AND GET THE MEN FIXING THAT RUN-AWAY 105! WE'VE PUT OURSELVES BACK IN BUSINESS AND WE'LL NEED EVERY GUN!
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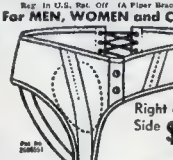

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BREAKDOWN

SERGEANT KANE HAD BEEN IN EVERY MAJOR ENGAGEMENT IN KOREA FROM THE BEGINNING! HE WAS A GOOD SOLDIER...HE'D BEEN WOUNDED FOUR TIMES! IT WAS IN THE DRIVE ON MOTANG PO THAT SOMETHING SEEMED TO SNAP INSIDE SERGEANT KANE...

HE WAS LEADING HIS MEN AS HE ALWAYS DID WHEN IT HAPPENED...IN THE MIDDLE OF A SENTENCE...

HIS THROAT CONSTRICTED... HE FELT SICK! HE STOPPED IN HIS TRACKS...

IT PASSED AS QUICKLY AS IT HAD COME...

ABOUT AN HOUR LATER IT HAPPENED AGAIN! THEY WERE IN THE WOODS...THE REDS PINPOINTED THE AREA WITH SHELL FIRE...

HIT THE DIRT!

A SHELL SMASHED THE EARTH CLOSE TO WHERE THE SARGE LAY/ THE REPERCUSSION SEEMED TO BLAST EVERY FIBRE OF HIS BEING... HE BEGAN TO SOB...

THE SHELLING STOPPED! HE LAY THERE, NOT MOVING! THE MEN LOOKED TOWARD HIM...

SARGE, WHAT'LL WE DO ?

HE BIT HIS LIPS... TO STOP THEM FROM QUIVERING! THEN HE CAREFULLY ANSWERED...

WE GO ON!

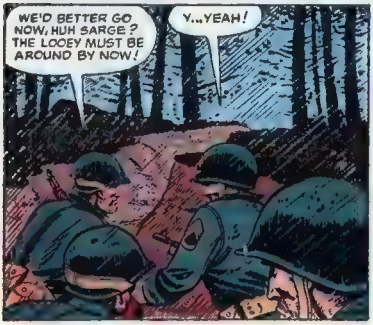
I'M BREAKING DOWN... IT'S GETTING ME/ I MUSTN'T LET THE MEN SEE... THEY'LL CALL ME A COWARD...

WHY DOESN'T IT STOP RAINING ? THIS LOUSY, STINKIN' MUD... ALL OVER... / IF I COULD ONLY REST FOR A LITTLE WHILE/ I MUST CONTROL MYSELF... CAN'T LET THEM SEE... THEY'LL THINK I'M A COWARD...

IT WAS CHILLY IN THE RAIN... CHILL THAT REACHED DOWN INTO THE BONES OF A MAN... BUT SERGEANT KANE COULD FEEL THE SWEAT WRIGGLING DOWN BETWEEN HIS SHOULDER BLADES LIKE HOT WORMS...

IT'S NEVER BEEN LIKE THIS BEFORE.. ALL THE TIME I'VE BEEN UP HERE! I'M SCARED NOW... I'M SCARED STIFF! CRIPES, I'M A COWARD... A STINKIN' COWARD...

THE LIEUTENANT AND HIS MEN CRAWLED IN A CIRCLE! THE SARGE WAITED! HIS NERVES WERE SCREAMING... HE DIDN'T WANT TO GO TOWARD THOSE TREES...

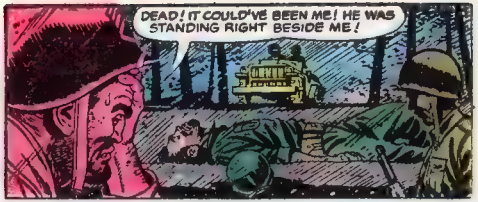


HE GRITTED HIS TEETH! EVERY FOOT HE MOVED FORWARD WAS LIKE A NIGHTMARE! HIS EYES WERE WIDE WITH THE EFFORT...

GOTTA WATCH MYSELF... THEY'LL KNOW! CAN'T GIVE MYSELF AWAY! CAN'T LET THEM KNOW I'M YELLOW! GOTTA BEAT THIS THING... KEEP MY RECORD CLEAN...

...THEN THE REDS ROSE UP... AND THE SARGE WAS LIKE A MADMAN, DRIVING HIMSELF FORWARD, ALL REASON SWEPT ASIDE...

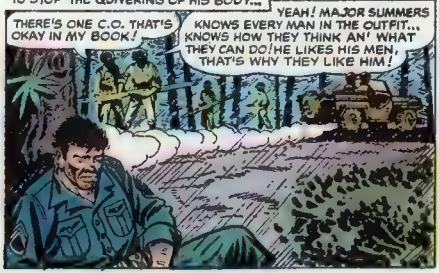
...THE LIEUTENANT WAS BESIDE HIM... THEN THE LIEUTENANT WAS GONE...



SERGEANT, DIG IN HERE... ESTABLISH A COMMAND POST! YOU'LL WAIT UNTIL REPLACEMENTS COME UP. I WAS WATCHING THE ACTION THROUGH MY GLASSES... NICE WORK, SERGEANT!
COULD'VE BEEN ME...!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SERGEANT? I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO HAPPEN TO A MAN LIKE YOU! I KNOW YOUR RECORD, AND IT'S A FINE ONE!
I'M ALL RIGHT, SIR!

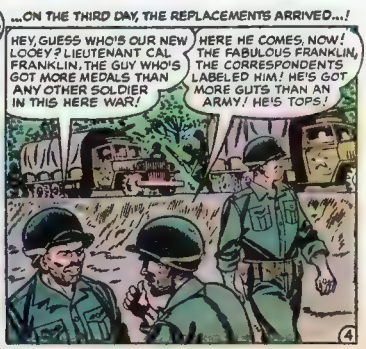
...THE SARGE GAVE HIS ORDERS, THEN LAY DOWN UNDER SOME TREES! HE WANTED TO BE ALONE... TO TRY AND FIND SOME EASE... TO STOP THE QUIVERING OF HIS BODY...


THERE'S ONE C.O. THAT'S OKAY IN MY BOOK!
YEAH! MAJOR SUMMERS KNOWS EVERY MAN IN THE OUTFIT... KNOWS HOW THEY THINK AN' WHAT THEY CAN DO! HE LIKES HIS MEN, THAT'S WHY THEY LIKE HIM!

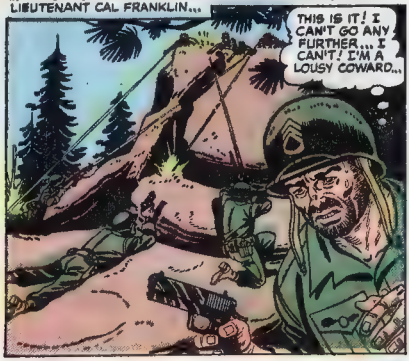
...THEY RESTED THERE FOR THREE DAYS, WAITING FOR THE REPLACEMENTS! DURING THE DAY THE SARGE MANAGED TO DISGUISE HIS FEELINGS, BUT AT NIGHT HE STUFFED A CORNER OF THE BLANKET IN HIS MOUTH TO STOP THE SOBS...

LIKE A LOUSY BABY! WHAT AM I GONNA DO? I CAN'T FACE IT ANY MORE! YELLOW! THAT'S WHAT I AM! CRIPES, I WAS ALWAYS PROUD OF MYSELF! I AIN'T EDUCATED... GOT NO FAMILY OR ANYTHIN'... ONLY THING I EVER HAD WAS MY PRIDE... PRIDE IN MY COURAGE! NOW THAT'S GONE! I'VE GOT NOTHIN'... NOTHIN'... I'M JUST A MISERABLE LOUSY COWARD!

...ON THE THIRD DAY, THE REPLACEMENTS ARRIVED...!

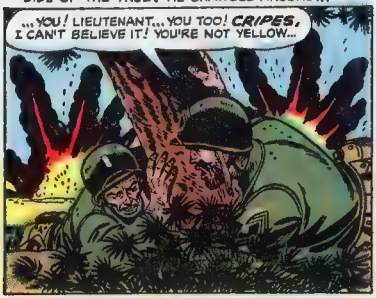

HEY, GUESS WHO'S OUR NEW LOOEY? LIEUTENANT CAL FRANKLIN, THE GUY WHO'S GOT MORE MEDALS THAN ANY OTHER SOLDIER IN THIS HERE WAR!
HERE HE COMES, NOW! THE FABULOUS FRANKLIN, THE CORRESPONDENTS LABELED HIM! HE'S GOT MORE GUTS THAN AN ARMY! HE'S TOPS!

...AN HOUR LATER THEY WENT INTO ACTION AGAIN, LED BY LIEUTENANT CAL FRANKLIN...



...THE MEN INCHED FORWARD... BUT SERGEANT KANE WASN'T WITH THEM! HE WAS LYING AGAINST A TREE... HIS BODY SHAKING WITH SOBS, HIS MIND A CHAOS OF MISERY...

...THEN HE HEARD THE BROKEN SOBBING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TREE! HE CRAWLED AROUND...



...CAN'T HELP IT! BATTLE FATIGUE! A MAN CAN STAND SO MUCH, THEN HE GOES HAYWIRE! NOT YELLOW... JUST LIKE YOU... BEEN HERE TOO LONG! I CAN'T FACE IT ANY MORE...

SERGEANT, GET IN THE JEEP! YOU'RE GOING BACK! SHORT SIEGE IN THE HOSPITAL AND THEN HOME! YOU'VE DONE YOUR BIT... MORE THAN YOUR BIT!
YES, SIR! BATTLE FATIGUE, MAJOR! I AIN'T YELLOW... JUST THAT I'VE BEEN UP HERE TOO LONG...
I'LL FOLLOW SOON, SARGE, GOOD LUCK!
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I'VE BEEN WATCHING HIM, KNEW HE WAS CRACKING UP! HE THOUGHT HE WAS TURNING INTO A COWARD... IT WOULD'VE RUINED HIS LIFE! YOU DID A SWELL JOB, LIEUTENANT, BETTER AND QUICKER THAN I THOUGHT YOU WOULD! YOU SAVED THAT BOY FROM A LIFE OF MISERY! A SWELL JOB OF ACTING!

...THE MAJOR MOVED AWAY... LIEUTENANT FRANKLIN DREW HIS LIPS IN TIGHTLY TO STOP THEIR SPASMODIC MOVEMENT... LOOKED DOWN AT HIS TREMBLING HANDS...

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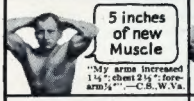

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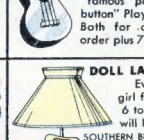

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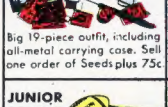

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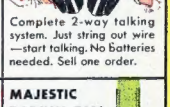

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